



# The NUUS

AUGUST 2025 VOLUME 57, NO. 8

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND CHOOSE TO BE A PART OF UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS IN OUR UUCE COMMUNITY

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at UUCE & on ZOOM.

See page 5 for more information

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### **There's R.E. Class 3 of 5 Sundays this Month**

with Wonderful Volunteers from our Congregation

**Sundays, August 3rd, 10th, and 17th at**

**10:30am** (Time for All Ages in worship, then Religious Exploration Class!)

No RE on 8/24 (Multigenerational Service) or

8/31 (Labor Day Weekend). Until August 15th, contact our volunteer Summer RE Point Person, Emily Samuels (emily.sally.jones@gmail.com), member of UUCE's R.E. Committee, for more info! We look forward to getting to know your kiddos!

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**at Lise & Pepper's Home on Toddy Pond!**

**3 Balsam Fir Lane, Surry**

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**Celebrating the sacred, we  
gather in loving community  
to nourish souls and live  
justice into the world.**

## **AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICES**

**SUNDAY, AUG. 3, 2025**

**Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am**  
**Always wrapped in seamless prayer:**  
**A Blueberry Communion Invitation**

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader  
Candace Hubbard, Worship Associate

8/3 Worship Service Zoom Meeting:  
[https://uuma.zoom.us/  
j/5157959121?omn=97126018386](https://uuma.zoom.us/j/5157959121?omn=97126018386)  
Meeting ID: 515 795 9121  
Phone: 646-558-8656

R.E. Class today!

1st Quarter Plate Split to benefit A Climate to Thrive!!

1-4pm Annual Church Picnic at Lamoine Beach - all are welcome!

On her first Sunday back from a delicious summer break, Rev. Sara invites you to join her in remembering (literally feeling-again-in-your-whole-body-being) our belongingness to the earth. Come worship and be inspired by the gifts of blueberries, the soul of natural landscapes, and wisdom words from Robin Wall Kimmerer and John O'Donohue.

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**SUNDAY, AUG. 10, 2025**

**Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am**  
**A Wild Love for the World**

Revs. Margaret Beckman & Lane Fisher  
Guest Worship Leaders & Kay Wilkins,  
Worship Associate

8/10 Worship Service Zoom Meeting:  
[https://uuma.zoom.us/  
j/5157959121?omn=97126018386](https://uuma.zoom.us/j/5157959121?omn=97126018386)  
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R.E. Class today!

Joanna Rogers Macy died on the 19th of July, 2025 at the age of 96. Her life and work have inspired and instructed people of faith and goodwill around the world to follow their own path of active hope. This week, Revs. Lane Fisher and Margaret Beckman will offer their own reflections, mixed with grief and joy, on Joanna Macy and how we, and perhaps you, have become better for her ongoing influence in our lives. She is gone from this life. Now, she is everywhere. Please come and join this conversation.

**Rev. Margaret Beckman** retired from parish ministry in July 2023 after serving congregations in Pittsfield and Castine, Maine. She is now Minister Emerita of the UU Congregation of Castine and gratefully accepts invitations to ministry from time to time.

**Rev. Lane Fisher** was our first collaborative ministerial intern in 2016-17 and now serves and loves the UU Peterborough (NH) congregation. She expects to come home to Belfast when she gets around to retiring.

**SUNDAY, AUG. 17, 2025**

**Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am**

**Love, Love, Love, says Percy**

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader  
Kathleen Hall, Worship Associate

8/17 Worship Service Zoom

Meeting: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/5157959121?omn=97126018386>

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R.E. Class today!

Climate Talk w/ Peter Dugas after worship!

Today, Rev. Sara leads a worship service about the wisdom of dogs, weaving together the many dog-related nudges (she calls them “threads”) that keep showing up in her life - remembered Mary Oliver poems about her dog, Percy; Andrea Gibson’s dog love, Sara’s own ambivalence about trying to become a “dog-person” (or not), as well as the deeper truths of her want to be less anxious and more willing to love without fear...Maybe you live with these wants, too?!

**A special invitation:** Send a picture & the name of your beloved dog(s) to Suzanne Aubrey (suzanneaubrey57@gmail.com) by Friday, August 15th at 5pm to be included in the worship service slides. (Apologizes, too, to all the cat people among us who, we promise, will also, someday, have their turn!)

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**SUNDAY, AUG. 24, 2025**

**Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am**

**The Science of Faith:**

**A Multi-Generational Service**

Charles Betancourt, R.E. Coordinator &  
Worship Leader and Abigail Cossette,  
Worship Associate

8/24 Worship Service Zoom

Meeting: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/5157959121?omn=97126018386>

Meeting ID: 515 795 9121

Phone: 646-558-8656

No R.E. Class today!

As humans, we are constantly searching for quantifiables and categories. Naming things and having to compartmentalize. In this multi-generational service we will use Science to explain our faith. Magnets were once magick before Science. Why can’t both exist together?

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**SUNDAY, AUG. 31, 2025**

**Multi-Platform Worship at 10:30am**

**A SUMMER SURPRISE!**

Rev. Sara Hayman, Worship Leader  
Marta Rieman, Worship Associate

8/31 Worship Service Zoom Meeting:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/5157959121?omn=97126018386>

Meeting ID: 515 795 9121

Phone: 646-558-8656

No R.E. Class today!

Come to church and be surprised! Rev. Sara & Marta Rieman promise to dream up something worshipful that invites you to be present in community to that Larger Love that embraces us all.

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# MINISTRY MATTERS

## BY SARA HAYMAN

Happy August, Beloveds!

Welcome to this month's newsletter.

I hope you are well and I'll see you somewhere at church very soon!

I'm just back from a wonderful, soul-nourishing summer break. I'm more grateful than I can say for this time off and for my good fortune (and privilege) to be able to have it. THANK YOU.

I spent unhurried time with my beloved partner and family & friends. I hiked my favorite mountain and took naps a few days. I read books from off my own shelves that I've been meaning to read and loved them. I traveled to far away, new-to-me-places. I savored every second at Peggy & Matthew Strong's gorgeous, off-grid cabin on Little Rocky Pond. (We bid & won it (again!) in this year's Goods & Services Auction!) I participated in a 2-day Writing Workshop & Retreat in Shaftsbury, VT led by Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer (my current favorite poet) and James Crews (a becoming-beloved-to-me poet), and I'm finding and feeling inspiration again to write and to think and feel deeply.

Did I mention I know how lucky I am?! I do.  
So many blessings. My cup runneth over.

My worship services this month have a summer-vibe – playful AND nourishing invitations, I hope, to ground ourselves in gratitude and keep living an active hope and generous-love that helps us heal ourselves and serve the world !

Yours, in shared ministry.  
*Rev. Sara*







# CELEBRATION OF LIFE for Connie Bailey

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8/2 at 1pm Connie Bailey Celebration of Life ZOOM link:  
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The first weekend in August we celebrate Connie's life. Come, join us on Saturday, August 2nd, 2025 at 1pm at UUCE. Four of Connie's longtime friends from the Boston area will join us and together we'll make space to name our gratitude for her generous spirit and soulful ways of living, always listening for spirit and the nourishment of the natural world.

Many thanks to Kay Hansen and our Pastoral Care Ministry members hosting this service, and to all of you who made and donated food or helped out in other ways.



# UUCE JUSTICE MINISTRY

## OPEN FORUM:

### THE EFFECTS OF SHIFTING FEDERAL BUDGET PRIORITIES ON HANCOCK COUNTY

This open panel discussion, **Thursday, August 14, from 7:00-8:30 p.m.**, at the UUCE and hosted by the Justice Ministry. The participating panelists will share information about the federal budget and recent budgetary policy, informing Hancock County residents of expected impacts, and reflecting on possible reactions. The panel will include representatives from local nonprofits, such as Loaves and Fishes and Green Ellsworth, as well as three elected state legislators from Hancock County-(Gary Friedman-Bar Harbor, Holly Eaton-Deer Isle, and Nina Millikin-Blue Hill. Final panelists should be announced in next week's enews. We hope you will join us to learn more or perhaps get your questions answered.



## SOLIDARITY & RAPID RESPONSE:

Join us for this 2-part virtual training on showing up for immigrant communities, hosted by Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ) and Solidarity Organizing Initiative (SOI).

**Tues. 8/5 and Tues. 8/12, 8-9 p.m. EDT** Across the country, immigrant communities are under attack and authoritarian forces are gaining ground. We'll break down the political

moment we're in, the authoritarian playbook driving these attacks, and the role those of us who are white and/or citizens can play in pushing back effectively and strategically. This training is for all of us who want to stand up in solidarity, especially those of us who are white who are ready to organize, respond, and show up with commitment and care. <https://www.mobilize.us/surj/event/813239/>



## ORGANIZE IN SOLIDARITY:

a 5-week training series on organizing our communities to resist ICE. **From Tues. 8/26 to Tues. 9/23, 8-9:15 p.m. EDT** Over the course of five weeks of training and coaching you will learn how to connect to, and speak from the heart about, why it matters to act courageously and stand in solidarity, to make a plan to speak to your peers and recruit them to join you, to run a campaign to make institutions in your life places of solidarity, and to stand up for your immigrant neighbors. Organize in Solidarity: <https://www.mobilize.us/surj/event/813486/>





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Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and hanging out together - relaxing, swimming, kayaking, boating, yard games and hot tubbing - all with good music and good food and drink!

Contact Lise at 207-274-0177 if you have any questions or want a ticket.





# Join in the Fun & Camaraderie!

## UUCE Egg Roll Booth

### at the Common Ground Fair

### Friday - Sunday September 19-21

ONE OF OUR BIGGEST FUND RAISERS!

Many large and small tasks go into making each year's fair a success. For Instance:

- Volunteers needed **before the fair:** Setting up and veggie prep
- Volunteers needed **during the fair:** Veggie prep, rolling egg rolls, frying, serving, sales, and providing food for volunteers
- Volunteers needed **after the fair:** clean up, break down and bring it all home

Contact Mary Murray for more information about ways you can help  
[marydmurray@comcast.net](mailto:marydmurray@comcast.net) 239-699-0150 phone/text





# WOMEN'S DRUM CIRCLE

**Saturday, August 9**

**1:00 - 3:00 at UUCE in the Outdoor Sanctuary  
weather permitting.**

Sharing drum songs, improvisational rhythms, chants and raising energy. No prior experience needed. We have drums to share. Contact Mary Murray for more information [marydmurray@comcast.net](mailto:marydmurray@comcast.net)



## WEDNESDAY MORNING MATINS AT 8 AM



Are you longing for a more intimate space to connect with others in our UUCE community? Do you enjoy poetry, music of all kinds, reading, silence and time for sharing in community? If so, please come! All are welcome to be a part of this ½ hour weekly, contemplative gathering on ZOOM where we companion each other with love and gratitude into the day. We hope you will come!

**Wednesday Morning Matins Zoom Invite:**  
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96669607701>  
**Meeting ID: 966 6960 7701**  
**Phone: 646-876-9923**



# Small Groups May Be For YOU!

Are you seeking a deeper sense of connection, community, and belonging?

## Consider joining one of our Small Groups

Our UUCE Small Groups **meet monthly** September – June for **2 hours**.

There are choices of afternoon or evening meetings, in-person or via Zoom. (You can change to a new group each year if you want as well).

Small Groups Ministries (SGMs) are facilitated and during their time together, members share their experiences and views on **thought-provoking topics** that follow the church's monthly theme.

Here's what people are saying ....

“I enjoy thinking about and hearing others' perspectives on the monthly topic.”

“I was new to the congregation and my Small Group gave me a way to get to know people and feel like I belonged.”

“I continue to participate in SGM because of the connection with the people. We are a caring group and I believe that we are 'there for each other.'”

Contact Mary Murray to learn more about Small Groups and to find the group that's just right for YOU!  
marydmurray@comcast.net or (239) 699-0150 phone or text.

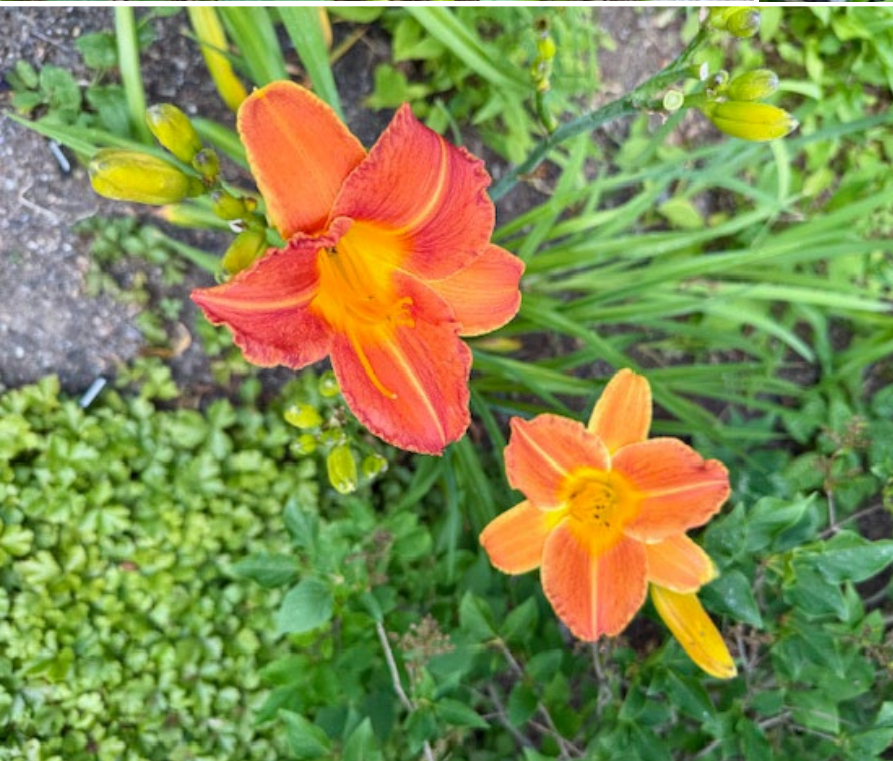


# In the UUCE Gardens

The Landscape and Grounds Committee is looking for **MORE VOLUNTEERS** to help with the care and maintenance of the church gardens. If you are interested in **LEARNING MORE ABOUT GARDENING** or are **EAGER TO SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE** and experience please get in touch with Bronwen Day. [brondaydesigns@gmail.com](mailto:brondaydesigns@gmail.com) or (207) 266-9749



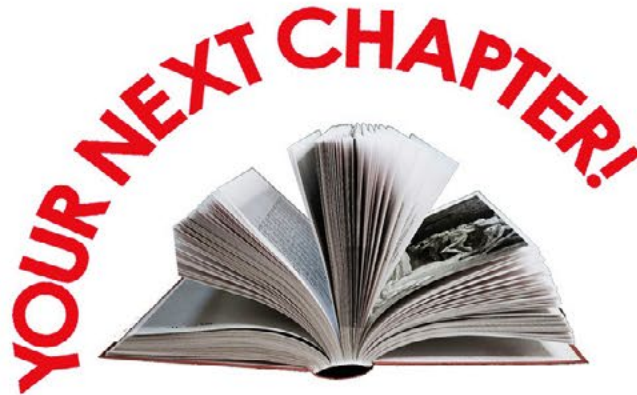
We have installed a combination of new and original bricks in the Holocaust Remembrance Garden that was originally the project of Toby (Mannring) Ally's RE program in 2007.





# BOOK SALE

**SAVE THE DATE  
(AND MORE)**



**We are preparing for our newest fundraiser  
September 6th, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at UUCE.**

## **YOU CAN HELP:**

**Donate books to sell,  
Help sort books into categories,  
Get the word out to the community, and/or  
Work to set up and at the sale.**

**Proceeds will benefit UUCE's programs and  
services for our community as well as helping  
maintain and improve our campus.**

**To volunteer or for more information, contact:  
Jeff Jeude—emmaus117@gmail.com or 573-330-4677.  
Jill Jeude—jjeude61@gmail.com or 573-366-7788, or  
Gary Shellehamer—gleeindc@gmail.com or 202-494-3593.**

"The next page is always something to embrace." Abigail Cossette, *Like You Do*

# Donate your used books to UUCE's *Your Next Chapter!*

If your books exceed your book shelf space, please consider donating them to the first UUCE book sale. You can also donate your time by volunteering to help with the sale and/or coming to the sale and filling some of the space on your recently-emptied shelves by buying books.

"We read to know we are not alone." C.S. Lewis, *On the Experience of Reading*



"A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies." George R.R. Martin, *A Dance of Dragons*

Place donations in the truck trailer by the Annex (Day Care).  
Your donations and participation in our first book sale will benefit the programs and services UUCE offers our community as well as funding the care, maintenance, and improvements to our campus.

For more information, please contact:

Jeff Jeude - emmaus117@gmail.com or 573-330-4677,

Jill Jeude - jjeude61@gmail.com or 573-366-7688, or

Gary Shellehamer - gleeindc@gmail.com or 202-494-3593.



**BOOK UUCE SALE**

September 6, 2025 - 9 a.m to 2 p.m.  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Ellsworth  
121 Bucksport Rd. Ellsworth, ME

"Books are dangerous..the best should be labelled 'This could change your life.'" – Helen Exley

"You think your pain and your heartbreak are unprecedented...but then you read." James Baldwin, *Notes of a Native Son*

"One must always be careful of books...for words have the power to change us." Cassandra Clare, *Clockwork Angel*



# HOW YOU HELP OUR UUCE BY PURCHASING HANNAFORD GROCERY CARDS

Hannaford grocery cards are sold every Sunday at coffee hour. We sell \$50.00, \$100.00 and \$250.00 cards. Buy your card and use it at the cash register just like a credit or debit card. No PINS, no registering, no technology issues, zero stress. Our UUCE earns 3-5% of the amount of the card purchased, depending on whether you pay by cash, check, or credit card. **Now that you can purchase grocery cards using your credit card you do not lose credit card points by participating in the program.** Participation in the grocery card program is a no-brainer for anyone who shops at Hannaford. Please stop at the grocery card table any Sunday, ask any questions you may have, and join the fund-raising fun. It's easy to incorporate Hannaford grocery cards into your weekly shopping routine!

## OUR UUCE WILL THANK YOU!!!





# CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>Church Office Administrator</b> Frankie Roth (They, Them) uuellsworth@gmail.com	<b>Children's Religious Education Coordinator</b> Charles Betancourt uuce.re@gmail.com
<b>Minister</b> Rev. Sara Hayman rev.sara.hayman@gmail.com	

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<b>Incoming President:</b> Jill Jeude to 2027 (573-366-7688)	<b>Incoming Vice President:</b> Jana Robinson (She/Her) to 2027
<b>Treasurer:</b> Kate O'Dell to 2026	<b>Secretary:</b> Bob Francis to 2026
<b>Trustee:</b> Tori Bell to 2026	<b>Trustee:</b> Mike Stadler to 2028
<b>Trustee:</b> Doug Bird (He/Him/His) to 2026	<b>Moderator:</b> Kay Wilkins to 2027

## COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE CHAIRS

<b>Adult Committee on Education:</b> vacant	<b>Membership:</b> Liz True (She/Her)
<b>Aesthetics:</b> Gary Shellehamer	<b>Music:</b> Tori Bell
<b>Auction:</b> Jeff Jeude & Liz True (She, Her)	<b>NUUSletter Editor:</b> Lise Williams (She/Her)
<b>Building &amp; Maintenance:</b> Jeff Jeude	<b>Pastoral Care Ministry:</b> Kay Hansen
<b>Charitable Giving:</b> Rev. Sara Hayman	<b>Pianist:</b> Paul Kelly
<b>Choir Director:</b> Meg O'Dell	<b>Publicity:</b> Susan Opdycke
<b>Collaborative Ministry:</b> inactive at this time	<b>Children's Religious Education:</b> Charles Betancourt
<b>Committee on Ministry:</b> Karen Volckhausen	<b>Small Group Ministry:</b> Mary Murray
<b>Cookie Walk:</b> Kate O'Dell	<b>Stewardship:</b> Doug Bird (He/Him/His)
<b>Eggroll Project Volunteer Coordinator:</b> Mary Murray	<b>Ushers:</b> Beth Pepper (She/Her)
<b>Ferry Beach Coordinator:</b> Anne Ossanna (She/Her/Hers)	<b>Technology Coordinator:</b> vacant
<b>Fiscal Matters:</b> Kate O'Dell & Bob Francis	<b>Wayside Pulpit:</b> Nancy Guy
<b>Flower Ministry:</b> Linda Tarlow	<b>Website:</b> Suzanne Aubrey (She/Her)
<b>History/Archives:</b> Wayne Smith	<b>Worship Arts:</b> Marta Rieman (She/Her/Hers)
<b>Hospitality Ministry Coordinator:</b> Anne Ossanna (She/Her/Hers)	<b>Yard Sale:</b> Jeff Jeude & CJ Lammers
<b>Justice Ministry:</b> Barb Acosta (She/Her/Ella) & Jana Robinson (She/Her)	<b>Youth Advisor:</b> vacant
<b>Landscaping and Grounds:</b> Bronwen Day	

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We covenant to affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every human being;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement  
to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process  
within our congregation and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.